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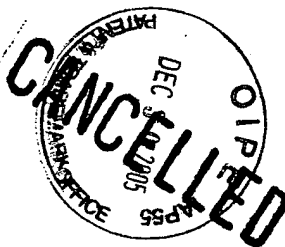
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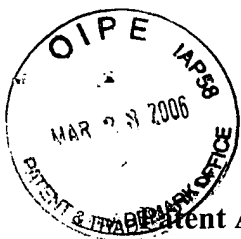
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Title: Data Processing Systems and Methods
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the following documents relating to the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Appeal Brief; and
- (2) Copy of Notice of Appeal, filed on December 28, 2005, with copy of stamped return postcard indicating receipt of Notice by PTO on December 30, 2005.

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